Stringent criteria of selection would apply to members of all the services.

Reservation in promotion for OBCs

2571. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to make provision for reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in promotion in services;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Constitution of India does not permit reservation for OBCs in the matter of promotion.

Enhancement of Gratuity and DCRG

2572. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enhance the limit of Gratuity and DCRG to Rs. 5 lakhs keeping in view the merger of 50 per cent of DA with the basic salary;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when orders are likely to be issued; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to enhance the limit of Gratuity and DCRG from Rs. 3.50 lakh to Rs. 5 lakhs.